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FORMER AMERICAN COMMUNISTS SPIED FOR FBI  
NEW YORK (UPI) -- TWO BROTHERS OPERATING UNDER  
'GOLD' SERVED AS KEY FBI INFORMANTS IN THE AMERICAN  
AND WERE INDIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FBI'S SPYING  
ON LUTHER KING JR., SAYS A BOOK PUBLISHED THIS WEEK.

THE ACTIVITIES OF MORRIS AND JACK CHILDS WERE  
MOST CAREFULLY GUARDED SECRETS, DR. DAVID J. GARROW,  
FBI AND MARTIN LUTHER KING JR."

GARROW, A POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
CAROLINA, ALSO SAID THE BROTHERS HELPED MOVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM  
THE SOVIET UNION TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTY.

THE BOOK WAS WRITTEN FROM DOCUMENTS OBTAINED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF  
INFORMATION ACT AND INTERVIEWS WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS, FORMER  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHER SOURCES AND IS BEING PUBLISHED THIS  
WEEK BY W.W. NORTON & CO.

THE CHILDS BROTHERS WORKED WITH THE FBI FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS AND  
NEITHER EVER RETIRED AS ACTIVE INFORMANTS, GARROW SAID. MORRIS  
CHILDS, 79, IS IN ILL HEALTH AND UNDER 24-HOUR FBI PROTECTION. JACK  
CHILDS DIED AUG. 12, 1980, IN HAMPTON BAYS, N.Y.

IN 1962, GARROW WROTE, THE FBI LEARNED NEW YORK LAWYER STANLEY  
LEVISON WAS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND AND ADVISER TO KING. THE CHILDS  
BROTHERS HAD LINKED LEVISON TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTY 10 YEAR  
EARLIER, THE BOOK SAID.

DESPITE THE LACK OF EVIDENCE THAT LEVISON WAS ACTIVE IN THE  
COMMUNIST PARTY, THE FBI BEGAN TAPPING KING'S TELEPHONES AND BUGGING  
HIS HOTEL ROOMS ON THE THEORY SUBVERSIVES MIGHT BE IN CONTROL OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, GARROW WROTE.

THE BOOK ALSO OUTLINES IMPORTANT INFORMATION THE SOLO OPERATION  
PROVIDED THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT SOVIET SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN COMMUNISTS.

BETWEEN 1951 AND 1954, THE CHILDS BROTHERS HELPED THE SOVIET  
GOVERNMENT SECRETLY MOVE ABOUT \$1 MILLION A YEAR TO COMMUNIST PARTY  
OFFICIALS IN THE UNITED STATES, THE BOOK SAID.

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